

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Falls Church Hillwood Avenue and South Roosevelt Street Signal Reconstruction project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Falls Church, located at 300 Park Avenue, Suite 203E, Falls Church, VA 22046. The funding would be used to replace the infrastructure at an existing intersection in Falls Church. Due to the failure of the existing traffic mast arms anchor foundation bolts that have corroded and bent, at Hillwood Avenue and South Roosevelt Street, this intersection's current traffic signals will now have to be replaced with wood poles and span wire. While the lifespan of this temporary infrastructure is approximately five years, the intersection already appears blighted as the temporary nature of the streetscape makes the intersection become neglected and rundown. This project will restore the permanent decorative steel mast arms which meets all federal and state regulations for vehicular and pedestrian movements. In addition, the four crosswalks will have audible pedestrian signals installed and sidewalk barriers removed to increase accessibility and safety. Additional landscaping improvements will assist with stormwater nutrient reduction, improving environmental health as well as economic beautification.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it restores deteriorated and unsafe public works traffic signal and intersection which is a critical public infrastructure purpose. Traffic signals and streetlights will also undergo a total conversion to LED lights, which will not only provide significant energy cost savings and reduce greenhouse gas emissions but also enhance visibility and safety for all users. This project would remove barriers and materials from the existing sidewalk so that the City will meet ADA and PROWAG standards so that pedestrian mobility and accessibility are no longer restricted. In addition to the local City benefit, this project benefits the Commonwealth as a whole, the Congressional District 8 and Northern Virginia Planning District 8 specifically. This project provides for vital safety for vehicles but most importantly bicyclists, pedestrians, and persons with disabilities. In addition, the project has direct benefit for achieving the critical greenhouse gas emission goals as well as facilitating strong economic resiliency for the residents and businesses. This project restores aging infrastructure to safe and accessible conditions and ensures efficient vehicular and pedestrian movements that are code compliant but also in the long term reduces personal injuries, locality insurance liability, energy costs, maintenance expenses, greenhouse gas emissions, and mitigates

stormwater flooding. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2), and 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(5).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Don S. Beyer

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don S. Beyer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and a long horizontal flourish at the end.